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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ORRICK, JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	No. 15-cr-00582-WHO-1
)	
ADAM SHAFI,)	
)	
Defendant.)	San Francisco, California
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Thursday, August 25, 2022

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1:46 p.m.

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: We will begin the calendar with Case No. 15-582, USA versus Adam Shafi.

Counsel, if you would please come forward and state your appearance for the record.

MR. FAKHOURY: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Hanni Fakhoury on behalf of Mr. Shafi, who is present, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Shafi, Mr. Fakhoury.

MR. LOMAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Chris Loman with the U.S. Probation office.

THE COURT: Great.

MR. WALSH: Your Honor, I'm not sure who is the Assistant United States Attorney on this matter.

THE COURT: Actually, it's okay.

MR. WALSH: Okay.

THE COURT: But, if you would state your appearance.

MR. WALSH: Certainly. My name is Nicholas Walsh, for the United States, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Walsh.

All right. So the motion is on for an early termination of supervised release. And there was no response by the government.

And I would have granted this, the moment that I read it. I wanted to make sure that Probation didn't have any contrary

1 indication. So...

2 **MR. LOMAN:** Yes, Your Honor. I had time to review
3 Mr. Fakhoury's brief. And we would -- the Probation Department
4 would agree with the facts of how well he's been doing on
5 supervision.

6 He's -- he's a student. He's completed counseling. We
7 haven't had any violations during his supervision. He's been
8 on for approximately 42 months.

9 However, due to the nature of the charges in this case,
10 the Probation Office is not inclined to recommend early
11 termination.

12 **THE COURT:** Okay. Well, I am.

13 So I set this hearing very selfishly on my part, because I
14 wanted to see you in person, Mr. Shafi. I wanted to
15 congratulate you, and thank you for all that you have
16 accomplished in the last several years. It's been seven, I
17 guess, since I first saw you.

18 You are such a different human being than you were when I
19 first saw you. You've taken advantage of every opportunity
20 that the Court has given to you. You're the person that your
21 parents described throughout this case, and the person that I
22 thought you would turn out to be.

23 So I just -- I wanted to congratulate you. I wanted to
24 congratulate you on what I assume will be your gradation from
25 college in December.

1 **THE DEFENDANT:** (Nods head)

2 **THE COURT:** The work that you've been doing on your
3 business, and mostly for the character that you've shown to be,
4 that's exemplified in the letters that I've received from your
5 family and friends.

6 You have been on quite a journey in your life. And I just
7 wanted you to know that I'm proud of the journey that you're
8 on. You've been completely compliant with all the requirements
9 of supervised release.

10 Further supervision would serve no purpose, and it would
11 impede your ability to work and grow as a human being.

12 So I'm delighted to grant your motion to terminate
13 supervision. And I want to you stay right where you are for a
14 second.

15 (The Court approaches The Defendant; they shake hands and
16 hug)

17 **THE COURT:** I just wanted to congratulate you. Well
18 done.

19 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you so much.

20 **THE COURT:** Good luck, good life.

21 Mr. Fakhoury, thank you.

22 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

23 **THE COURT:** All right.

24 **THE DEFENDANT:** Thank you so much, Your Honor.

25 **THE COURT:** All right, Mr. Shafi, go to it.

(Applause)

(Proceedings concluded)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, BELLE BALL, Official Reporter for the United States Court, Northern District of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.



/s/ Belle Ball

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Friday, September 30, 2022